

Description:

The Board of Veterinary Medicine promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the people and animals of Idaho by safeguarding them against incompetent, dishonest, or unprincipled practitioners of veterinary medicine. The Board accomplishes this task by evaluating and approving veterinary students to take their national examination and evaluating the education, training, practical experience, and practice history of applicants for veterinary licensure. Once licensed, the personal and professional qualifications of these individuals, as well as their efforts to keep their medical knowledge and skills current, are continually evaluated.

Veterinary Technology - The Board of Veterinary Medicine oversees the practice of veterinary technology to insure that the veterinary care provided by the veterinary technicians to the citizens of Idaho is of the highest caliber. The Board accomplishes this task by evaluating the education, training, practical experience and practice history of the applicants for veterinary technician certification. Once certified, the personal and professional qualifications of these individuals, as well as their efforts to keep their medical knowledge and skills current, are continually evaluated.

Euthanasia - The Board of Veterinary Medicine maintains a humane euthanasia and chemical capture training and certification program that provides the knowledge and understanding needed by individuals who are in the profession of providing a "good" death for ill, injured, or unwanted animals in this state.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

1. Veterinary Medicine - Sustain an eligibility evaluation, verification and approval program for veterinary students applying to take their national examination, the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination.

- A. Supply current applications for the national examination and state licensure to all of requesting applicants within five working days. (Packets)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
15	17	17	18

Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
17	17	17	17

- B. Screen, verify information and approve candidates for the national examination and state licensure within the deadlines established by the testing organization. (Candidate Approvals)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
11	10	13	9

Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
9	9	9	9

- C. Provide national score reports, state examination scores and application packet status reports to the individual applicants. Scores on the national examination are to be provided within five working days following receipt of the scores from the testing organization. (Test Scores)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
15	10	13	9

Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
9	9	9	9

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2. Veterinary Medicine - Sustain the veterinary licensing, disciplinary and continuing education program.

A. Supply current application packets to all requesting applicants within five working days, screen and verify application information and issue licenses. (Packets/License Appl.)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
120/54	107/46	100/50	105/47
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
105/47	105/47	105/47	105/47

B. Provide annual renewal forms and reminder letters to all licensed veterinarians. Verify license eligibility and process all renewals. Send expirations notices to non-renewing veterinarians. (Renewals/Expirations)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
1,039/51	1,065/60	1,056/47	1,062/41
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
1,062/41	1,062/41	1,062/41	1,062/41

C. Investigate all written complaints, make recommendations for improvement and take disciplinary action when the need is indicated. Monitor stipulated actions, provide disciplinary notification to the national disciplinary database and other licensing boards and provide to other state licensing boards license verifications as requested. (Complaints/Inspections/Verifications)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
60/14/41	62/10/46	74/7/56	69/11/61
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
69/11/61	69/11/61	69/11/61	69/11/61

D. Daily, screen requests for continuing education program approvals and credits. Respond to all requests for program approval within five working days. Provide requests for individual continuing education records within three working days. Maintain a list of approved courses. Annually, verify individual compliance with continuing education requirements. (CE Requests/Annual Verification)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
899	55/915	68/923	62/928
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
62/928	62/928	62/928	62/928

3. Veterinary Technology - Sustain the veterinary technician certification, disciplinary and continuing education programs.

A. Supply current application packets to all requesting applicants with five working days, screen and verify application information and issue certifications. (Packets/Appl.) *End of grandfather provision

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
*159/55	65/40	33/36	19/7
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
19/7	19/7	19/7	19/7

B. Provide annual renewal forms and reminder letters to all certified veterinary technicians. Verify certification eligibility and process all renewals. Send expiration notices to non-renewing veterinary technicians. (Renewals/Expirations)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
43/2	43/2	95/7	144/6
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
144/6	144/6	144/6	144/6

C. Investigate all written complaints, make recommendations for improvement and take disciplinary action when the need is indicated. Monitor stipulated actions, provide disciplinary notification to other licensing boards and provide certification status verifications as requested. (Complaints/Verifications)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
1/0	2/1	2/2	0/4
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
0/4	0/4	0/4	0/4

D. Daily, screen requests for continuing education program approvals and credits. Respond to all requests for program approval within five working days. Provide requests for individual continuing education records within three working days. Maintain a list of approved courses. Annually, verify individual compliance with continuing education requirements. (CE Requests/Annual Verification)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
55/43	55/43	35/95	32/146
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
32/146	32/146	32/146	32/146

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4. Euthanasia - Sustain the certification, disciplinary and continuing education programs.

A. Establish and maintain a qualified Certified Euthanasia Task Force. (Members)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
5	5	5	5
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
5	5	5	5

B. Provide euthanasia technician training courses in the proper use of euthanasia and chemical capture drugs and equipment for new applicants as well as certified euthanasia technicians. (After 1999 renewal exams were not offered and certified euthanasia technicians were required to attend a training course every third year in order to renew their certification) (Euthanasia WS attendance/Chemical Capture WS attendance)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
29/9	37/4	44/7	31/4
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
31/4	31/4	31/4	31/4

C. Conduct euthanasia agency inspections to issue and renew Euthanasia Agency Certifications. (Inspections)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
14	15	14	14
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
14	14	14	14

D. Provide annual renewal forms and reminder letters to all certified euthanasia technicians and agencies. Verify certification eligibility and process all renewals. Send expiration notices to non-renewing technicians and agencies. (Renewals/Expirations)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
92/28	88/18	108/34	81/26
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
81/26	81/26	81/26	81/26

E. Investigate all written complaints, make recommendations for improvement and take disciplinary action when the need is indicated. Monitor stipulated actions. (Complaints.)

Actual Results			
<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
2	2	2	1
Projected Results			
<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
1	1	1	1

Program Results and Effect:

The Board of Veterinary Medicine evaluates, verifies and approves veterinary applicants wishing to take their national examination, the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination, and practice in the state of Idaho. In addition, the Board of Veterinary Medicine evaluates and screens all applicants for veterinary licensure to ensure they possess the necessary personal and professional qualifications and are competent to practice in Idaho. Once licensed, the Board continues to evaluate the veterinarians' personal and professional qualifications, as well as their medical knowledge and skill, through their license renewal and continuing education programs. The Board provides and enforces acceptable standards of practice, professional conduct, ethics, record-keeping and supervision and investigates complaints arising from noncompliance with these standards; making recommendations for improvement or taking disciplinary action when warranted. The combined result of the Board's efforts is competent and principled practitioners of veterinary medicine, who are able to provide an improved standard of veterinary care for the citizens and animals of Idaho.

Veterinary Technology - The Board of Veterinary Medicine evaluates and screens new applicants for veterinary technician certification to ensure they possess the necessary personal and professional qualifications and are competent to practice in Idaho. Once certified, the Board continues to evaluate the veterinary technicians' personal and professional qualifications, as well as their medical knowledge and skill, through their certification renewal and continuing education programs. The Board provides and enforces acceptable standards of practice and ethics, as well as appropriate supervision requirements for the veterinary procedures that are delegated to certified veterinary technicians. The Board investigates all complaints and provides suggestions for improvement or takes disciplinary action when necessary. The combined result of the Board's efforts is competent and principled practitioners of veterinary technology who can assist the veterinarians in providing quality veterinary care for the citizens of Idaho.

Euthanasia - By offering training workshops in the proper use of euthanasia and restraint drugs and equipment and a euthanasia technician and agency certification program, the Board of Veterinary Medicine provides the training and certification necessary for personnel employed by animal shelters, animal control agencies, societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and law enforcement agencies to obtain and administer approved euthanasia and restraint drugs. The ultimate effect of this program is the availability of a means to provide a humane death for the ill, injured, or unwanted animals in this state through the use of drugs administered by knowledgeable, trained and caring individuals.

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